GOLD HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER AUGUST 1986

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The SOCIETY newsletter will be printed quarterly beginning with this issue - February, May, August, and November. The $2 membership dues become payable on January 1, annually. Our 1986 officers are: President Tom Cushman, Vice-president Don Moore, Treasurer Mary Bradish, and Secretary Janet Sessions.

Welcome to our many new members!! Locals include Dick and Lynn Steele, Jane Elwood, Hanse Gomes, Maureen Sowi, Judy Pearce, Grant Tressil, Frank Lyon, and Dody Cooper. Others are Jake Smith of Eugene; Eleanor Helderman of Boise, Idaho; Dr.Shannon Thornton of Happy Camp, California; and Roger Durham of Eugene.

Our next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on August 18 in the library.

A great BIG thank you to all of you hardy souls who spent that hot day working our booth during the Gold Dust Days activities!!!

Member Marjory Edens, oral historian at Jacksonville, sends her greetings as she must miss the next two meetings. She'll be touring the East Coast during our September meeting. Hopefully she will be able to meet another of our historian members, Dr. Anne Millbrooke of Connecticut, during the trip.

Don and Clare Moore report that it appears the old railroad depot was dismantled. It's possible that the Central Point Grange Hall was built from the lumber saved from the building. This will be checked out.

Members, led by Tom Cushman, are still plodding along on the old city records, as Linda Genaw types up the recorded info. This enormous undertaking will always stand out as one of the most important projects accomplished by our SOCIETY. Future generations will appreciate and profit from the work being done today. Please offer a few hours.

SOCIETY SUCCESS STORIES

Because of her work on alphabetizing and organizing old cemetary records for the SOCIETY, Genevieve Heil was able to solve a mystery at city hall. Two tombstones, engraved Robb Family - 1896 & 1898, were found in an abandoned house. No one seemed to know where they belonged. Genevieve pointed out the gravesites in Rock Point Cemetary where they had been taken from 10 long years ago.

Linda Genaw had her Rock Point History story published in the Gold Hill Echo and the Rogue River Press. The response was overwhelming and readers are asking for more. Watch for future success' from this budding young writer! P.S. Linda has several history on tape!

President Cushman is asking for input on SOCIETY'S goal and projects for the future. Put on your thinking caps friends.

The poster-sized photo of old Gold Hill is drawing raves from locals and tourists alike. It is being displayed in the Rocks 'n Things natural history museum.

Tour the Birdseye house at 3791 Rogue River Highway, Gold Hill, on Sunday the 24th. This is the last year the house will be open to the public on a monthly basis. Free admission for children, $2.50 per adult.

WANT A SHOCK? ASK YOURSELF, WHAT HAVE I ACCOMPLISHED TODAY?

Regards to you all.

Janet, Editor